Coffee Board is also implementing a medium-term export strategy to sustain and gain market share in the key markets and also to improve the competitiveness of Indian Coffee in the global markets over the next few years.

New FDI proposals

4982. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved 57 Foreign Direct Investment proposals worth Rs.1,113 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the projects to be undertaken; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Government have recently approved 57 proposals of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) amounting to around Rs.1,113.00 crore. The major investment proposals pertain to sectors such as manufacture of colour display tubes for computer colour monitors, chemicals and petro-chemicals, courier services, telecom services, manufacture of automobiles, agro-chemicals, information technology, software development, e-learning education business, ISP, petroleum and natural gas and tourism. The particulars/details of these FDI proposals are available in the Press Release dated 20.03.2002, which is also posted on the website of SIA *i.e. http:// indmin.nic.in.*

(d) The information is not centrally maintained.

Indo-Bangladesh Trade Agreement

4983. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Bangladesh Commerce Secretaries met in the month of April, 2002 to review the trade agreements which was to expire during the month of April, 2002;

(b) if so, whether both the countries have reached an agreement to renew the trade pact;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) to what extent trade between the two countries will improve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) to (c) The Commerce Secretaries of India and Bangladesh met at Dhaka on April 8—10, 2002 to review issues relating to bilateral trade including improvement in the provisions of the India-Bangladesh Bilateral Trade Agreement. The validity of the Trade Agreement has been extended beyond April, 2002 before the meeting at Dhaka.

(d) The measures considered at the above said meeting for smooth flow of trade between India and Bangladesh would help enhanced exchange of trade between the two countries.

Agreement with Russia

4984. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of Russia visited India in the 1st week of February, 2002;

(b) if so, what subjects of mutual interest were discussed with them;

(c) the agreements reached during the visit and other details in this regard; and

(d) the assistance expected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation led by the Deputy Chairman (Deputy Prime Minister) of the Government of the Russian Federation Mr. Ilya Klebanov visited India from 5—8 February, 2002.

(b) to (d) During the visit of Mr. Ilya Klebanov, the Eighth Session of the Indo-Russian Inter- Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC) was held, at the end of which a Protocol was signed. The Protocol reflects the discussions held on various issues of bilateral interest with a view to enhancing co-operation in trade, economic, scientific, technological and cultural spheres. It was, *inter alia*, agreed that both sides should actively promote and further facilitate increased as well as direct interface between Indian and Russian entrepreneurs which would lead to a better understanding of economic and commercial opportunities for doing business in the two countries. It was decided to encourage direct business to business contract through exchange of delegations, Joint Business Councils, holding of exhibitions, participation in fairs etc.